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BOLIVIA: The Argentine Connection

Despite repeated disavowals by Argentine leaders of complicity in the Bolivian coup, there is persuasive evidence that since last spring members of Argentina's military mission in La Paz have been deeply involved. [redacted] 3.5(c)

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Argentine officers are [redacted] again acting as advisers to members of the new Bolivian Government and are participating in the "interrogation" of some 2,000 political prisoners. They also are supplying food and weapons to the Bolivian military. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1) 3.5(c)

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The withdrawal of US economic and military assistance may have prompted the Bolivians to turn to Argentina for financial support. An unconfirmed press report earlier this week said the junta had asked Buenos Aires for a $200 million loan to meet Bolivia's most pressing economic needs. [redacted] 3.5(c)

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